

2008 Session Survey

34th Legislative District



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Committee assignments:

- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review
- Local Government

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

My name is Sharon Nelson and on November 5th I was appointed to serve as state Representative for the 34th District.

As many of you may know, Senator Erik Poulsen resigned from the State Senate in September and former Representative Joe McDermott was then appointed to replace him. I am honored to be serving as your state Representative in Olympia, having been selected by the local Democratic Party and confirmed by the King County Council to fill the vacancy left by now Senator McDermott.

While I am new to Olympia, I have worked to protect our community for over a decade. I led the fight against the proposed expansion of mining on Maury Island as the founding President of Preserve our Islands. I have also worked to improve our quality of life and transportation, assist health and human service organizations in our district and protect open space, while serving as Chief of Staff to King County Councilmember Dow Constantine.

I have hit the ground running and am working everyday on the issues that are most important to our community:

- Improving education,
- Protecting Puget Sound,
- Providing access to health care, and
- Addressing our transportation challenges.

I am pleased to work for you and hope to hear from you soon. Please complete the enclosed survey so I can know what issues matter most to you!

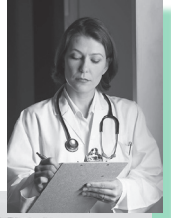
Sincerely,

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Sharon K. Nelson

Representative Sharon Nelson

***Things are moving quickly here in Olympia and I need to hear from you!
Please complete the enclosed survey so I can know what your thoughts are
about the issues the state is facing.***



1) Please rank the following issues in order of importance to you. (9 being most important, 1 being least important).

- _____ K-12 Education
- _____ Transportation
- _____ Health Care
- _____ Clean air and water
- _____ Annexation
- _____ Protecting Puget Sound
- _____ Growth Management Act
- _____ Taxes
- _____ Business Climate
- _____ Other issues/comments: _____

2) How do you think our state is doing right now on the following issues?

Education

- ☐ Right Track
- ☐ Wrong Track
- ☐ Not Sure

Protecting Puget Sound

- ☐ Right Track
- ☐ Wrong Track
- ☐ Not Sure

Transportation

- ☐ Right Track
- ☐ Wrong Track
- ☐ Not Sure

Other issues/comments: _____

3) As a mother of two daughters, improving education in our state is very important to me. What do you think is the best way for the Legislature to make the biggest impact for students?

- ☐ Improve teacher pay
- ☐ Change the WASL
- ☐ Eliminate the WASL
- ☐ Improve access to tutoring and providing ESL support
- ☐ Emphasize math and science
- ☐ Reduce class sizes
- ☐ Other issues/comments: _____



4) One of my top priorities is ensuring that every person in Washington gets the health care they need, when they need it. What do you think is the best way to achieve this goal?

- ☐ Single Payer system – Institute a state funded health insurance system for everyone?
- ☐ Public Private partnerships – Expand options for business owners to provide healthcare to their employees?
- ☐ Fair Share – requiring large companies like WalMart to provide affordable health care to their employees or pay into the state's basic health plan.
- ☐ Other issues or problems you have/comments: _____

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5) After spending ten years in banking and six years working on the King County Budget, I know first hand the challenges of prioritizing government resources. Please list your priorities for state funding.

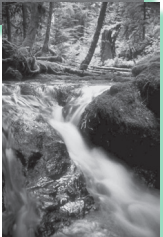
- _____ Education
- _____ Restoring Puget Sound
- _____ Criminal justice
- _____ Job training, work force development
- _____ Public health
- _____ Transportation improvements
- _____ Affordable housing
- _____ Nursing Homes
- _____ Health care
- _____ Child protective services

Other issues/comments: _____



6) The health of Puget Sound is in serious trouble, Orca populations are in jeopardy, several species of rock fish are nearly extinct, and low oxygen events are killing thousands of marine animals every year. What ideas do you think will work best to help save Puget Sound?

- ☐ Making significant investments in shoreline restoration/protection.
- ☐ Funding a year round rescue tug boat at Neah Bay to prevent oil spills.
- ☐ Enhancing the State's aquatic reserve program.
- ☐ Providing funding to fix aging near-shore septic tanks.
- ☐ Taking a tough look at stormwater and its effect on Puget Sound.
- ☐ Other issues/comments: _____



7) Clean air and clean water are a huge part of what makes the Puget Sound region a great place to live. What steps do you think the state should take to protect air and water quality?

- ☐ Improve education about air and water quality
- ☐ Provide assistance to retrofit aging septic tanks
- ☐ Cleaning up industrial rivers like the Duwamish
- ☐ Work with business owners to establish greener business practices
- ☐ Invest in stormwater treatment plants
- ☐ Strengthen vehicle-emission standards for state owned vehicles
- ☐ Other issues/comments: _____



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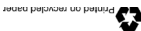
If you'd like any information about state laws or need help navigating the state bureaucracy, please contact my office at (360)786-7952 or nelson.sharon@leg.wa.gov. My number one job is to make state government work better for my constituents, and that means you! – Sincerely, Sharon.

8) I believe that Washington needs to be a leader in the fight to address climate change. What measures do you think we should take as a state?

- ☐ Amend the Growth Management Act to include climate change considerations.
- ☐ Invest in alternative, low-emitting fuel technologies.
- ☐ Pursue policies to reduce driving across the state.
- ☐ Enter into a "cap and trade" market.
- ☐ Invest in wind and tidal electricity generation.
- ☐ Improve mass transit options.
- ☐ Other issues/comments: _____

What other issues are important to you?

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